

NEW JERSEY CLEAN AIR COUNCIL

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New Jersey Clean Air Council Meeting Record

Thomas Edison State College
101 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08625

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER	Richard Opiekun opened the meeting.
COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT	All of the Council members were present with the changed noted below.
EXCUSED	Joseph Constance Howard Geduldig Joseph Spatola
PUBLIC	Kimberly Scarborough, PSE&G Scott Ross, NJ Petroleum Council Michael Santilli, NJDEP Sharon Davis, NJDEP

Meeting Record

- NJ Clean Air Council welcomed new appointed members. Each member introduced themselves and who they represent.
- March minutes were tabled. No April minutes were recorded because public hearing was held.
- Discussion of Administrative Report for edits and revision suggestions for commissioner's presentation.
- Ferdows Ali made a motion to adjourn; John Valeri seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.

Administrative Report

Presented by Chris Salmi, Division of Air Quality

1. Recent Ozone Exceedances in NJ –
 - Tuesday, May 5th, 77 ppb in Colliers Mills and investigating if small fire had an impact.
 - Friday, May 8th, 81 ppb in Washington Crossing but it may not count.
2. Recent Ozone Exceedance in NYC Area –
 - Friday, May 8th: Danbury – 84 ppb, Middletown – 78 ppb, Rockland, NY – 78 ppb
 - 2015 is an important year because the Southern New Jersey - Philadelphia area is eligible for 1 year extension of the attainment date of July 20, 2015.
 - North New Jersey - New York City area will not attain on time and the area is expected to get bumped up from Marginal to Serious. It is expected the USEPA will also bump-up Atlanta, Chicago, Phoenix, greater Connecticut and Denver.
 - New York State has requested the USEPA bump up the area now.
3. The states in the eastern U.S. are expending considerable effort to get power plants to operate existing NOx controls. The federal cap and trade program allowed facilities to not operate or curtail operation of NOx controls and purchase allowances to meet their pollution obligations.
4. Recent NO₂ exceedance occurred on March 10th at Elizabeth lab, 135 ppb. The 1 hour standard is 100 ppb
 - - Previously, NO₂ exceedances occurred on two occasions in Fort Lee. There events were associated with idling construction equipment.
5. The USACE is seeking approval from Congress to fund another Marine Vessel Engine Replacement Program for New Jersey and our shared ozone nonattainment areas. The program would help the USACE address the mitigation of NOx emissions from future projects to meet Clean Air Act General Conformity Requirements.
 - - USACE and its partners implemented a successful program to address the emissions from the deepening of the New York Harbor.
6. Air Quality awareness week was from April 27th to May 1st.
7. Ocean County Landfill, Brick Township – Exceeded SO₂ annual permit limit and is likely related to storm debris following Super Storm Sandy. They are working on a solution.
8. Alternative Approach to Obtain Emission Reductions from the mobile source sector – The DEP is competing for federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding from the Transportation Planning Organization.
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 - Successful NJTPA 2014 \$600,000
 - DVRPC 2014 \$500,000
 - In Running NJTPA 2015 \$15 million available
 - DVRPC 2015 \$3.6 million available
 - Soon SJTPO \$1.9 million available
 - FY 15 DERA – intent \$150,000
 - to apply

9. A recent study published in the Journal of American College of Cardiology, showed that exposure to PM2.5 is related to narrowing of the arteries; a two fold increase in narrowing for every 10 ug/m³ of ambient PM2.5.

Articles of Interest

Newspaper Articles

NEXT MEETING

***** Parking in Visitor's Lot. Have ID ready. *****

2015 Meeting Dates & Locations:

January 14	ERM, 200 Princeton South Corporate Centre, Suite 160, Ewing, <i>Toby Hanna</i>
February 11	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 th Floor, Trenton
March 11	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 th Floor, Trenton
April 14 (Tues)	Public Hearing – NJ DEP, NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, Trenton
May 13	Thomas Edison State College, Trenton, <i>Nicky Sheats</i>
June 10	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 th Floor, Trenton
July 7 (Tues)	Present to Commissioner – NJDEP, 7 th floor large
August	No meeting.
September 9	Chamber of Commerce, 216 W. State St., Trenton, <i>Michael Egerton</i>
October 14	New Jersey Business & Industry Association, 10 West Lafayette Street Trenton, NJ 08608, <i>Sara Bluhm</i>
November 10	NJ DEP, 401 East State Street, 5 th Floor, Trenton
December 9	IBEW, Local 94, 219 Franklin St., Hightstown, <i>Bob Weber</i>